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**Testimony of  
Sharon M. Palmer, Commissioner  
Department of Labor  
Labor and Public Employees Committee  
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Good Day Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang and Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **House Bill No. 6788, AAC Workforce Investment Boards**. My name is Heidi Lane and I am here to testify on behalf of Sharon Palmer, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

I am here to speak in favor of the concept of this bill, specifically the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) collaborating on a study of employment programs offered in the state. We are eager to work with the WIBs on such a project and believe collaboration in this regard would result in program efficiencies. However, to fund such a study is not included in the budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.